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Following a conversation with subject, ESQUIRE reported the following information: on 19 April 1954.

1. During the course of the conversation subject stated that some time ago he had had an interview with [] and that the meeting had been arranged by [] at his, subject's, request. (ESQUIRE stated that subject has a dairy and [] is the [] he calls). Subject said that he was impressed by [] but has some reservations concerning him since it seems strange that "a man on the outside should be on the inside like that." With regard to [] subject stated he believes [] to be honest, sincere and [] best propagandist due to his belief that [] may one day occupy the Presidency which would put [] in a very favorable position. Subject agreed with ESQUIRE's expressed opinion that [] and [] had become acquainted because they are neighbors and that [] confides in [] believing him a political neutral.
2. Subject then mentioned that he would like to speak with JMBLUG and ESQUIRE stated he could find a way to introduce them. Later, subject stated that what he wished to discuss with JMBLUG was the [] situation since he understood that [] was interested or involved in a subversive movement. However, since he had discussed this with ESQUIRE he said there was no longer any need for him to contact JMBLUG. (ESQUIRE feels that subject inferred that ESQUIRE would repeat the conversation to JMBLUG). ESQUIRE is of the opinion that subject wishes to keep under cover and has no desire to contact JMBLUG as long as the latter is being kept informed.
3. Subject felt that one of the reasons for the apparent lack of organization and spirit on the part of the opposition is the lack of effective leadership in Guatemala and in this connection he added that the only two men of stature in the country were Archbishop ROSSELL y Arellano and [] He said that if [] were not the man he is, he would have divulged everything while

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being tortured. Subject has a very high opinion of []

4. Subject also mentioned that CALLIGERIS has completed his plans and is only waiting for the North Americans to give him the green light.
5. Subject stated he was ready to help in any way and that he knew money was no longer needed. ESQUIRE told him there was much that both could do and subject asked him to pay him another visit so that a plan of action could be discussed.
6. ESQUIRE believes subject to be a very shrewd individual. Subject spoke freely with him and warned against repeating anything which had been said. ESQUIRE also believes that he enjoys subject's trust and confidence. ESQUIRE commented that subject feels that the way to get ahead in this country is to be "in" with the politicians and he has always acted in such a manner.

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